

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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[0013] Figure 3 is a flowchart illustrating the operational steps of the present invention.

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[0022] Figure 3 is a flowchart showing the operational steps of the communication system 20. The communications system 20 starts in step 30. In step 32, the forward link assignment manager 23 is activated to communicate with the router server 22 and the router 24. In doing so, the ground station 10 is able to communicate with the mobile platform 14. In step 34, the router is activated to communicate with at least one chain of the chains of forward link equipment 26. The chain used in the chains of forward link equipment 26 is determined in step 36. In step 38, the signal 16 is transmitted having the unique address used as the authorization message to the mobile platform 14 via transponders 12a. In decision step 40, the mobile platform 14 determines if the authorization message was received within the thirty second interval. If true, then transmission continues in step 42. If false, then the mobile platform 14 terminates transmission and the unique address is then transmitted at least every thirty seconds as indicated in step 44.